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CAMPUS

▼ PAYNE RECEIVES AWARD—Thomas Payne, chair of the art department, was one of three winners in the third annual New Voices, New Visions International artistic competition in digital media. Payne's entry was entitled "Sometimes." He combined historical photography with personal photography on an interactive CD-rom program.

▼ THANKSGIVING BREAK— Thanksgiving Break is almost here, and along with it comes changed dorm, food service and class hours. There is no charge to stay on campus over break, but students need to sign up with Resident Assistants beforehand. Meals will be served in the cafeteria, but there will be no meals Thursday, which is Thanksgiving Day. Classes resume Monday, Dec. 2.

▼ CLASSES SHORTENED—A reminder to students, faculty and staff. The Wednesday class schedule is as follows:

7:45 a.m. classes — 7:45 - 8:35
9 a.m. — 8:45 - 9:35
10:45 a.m. — 9:45 - 10:35
12 p.m. — 10:45 - 11:35
1:15 p.m. — 11:45 - 12:35
2:30 p.m. — 12:45 - 1:35

▼ FOOD DRIVE—Any extra non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the Residence North, suite 318. Food will be collected as part of a service-learning project and distributed to families in need by the Cedar Valley Food Shelf.

Concert to make debut on TV

by Heather Hugley
Staff Writer

While it is getting harder and harder to get hold of Christmas with Wartburg tickets, more people than usual will be able to view the show.

The music department hasn't added another performance, and the show hasn't been moved to a place with more seating; instead, the show is going to be broadcast on television. That means students may see it on KWKL-TV Channel 7, or on Wartburg Channel 13.

Credit Liz Mathis, McElroy chair in communication arts and executive-in-residence, with the television idea.

According to Mathis, she got the idea while watching Christmas with Wartburg last year. She thought it would be a good solution for people who couldn't come to see it.

People who see the performance on KWKL will only see about 45 minutes of it because there is only an hour time slot for the show.

Mathis said about 15 minutes of the time will be Waverly area business commercials. The music department will decide what musical numbers will not be shown, said Mathis.

Students wishing to see an unedited version should tune into Channel 13 on a currently unspecified date. The edited version will be shown on KWKL on Dec. 24 at 10:35 p.m. and Dec. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Request tickets early

Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands Dr. Craig Hancock said he thought the television broadcast would only enhance the popularity of Christmas with Wartburg.



PREPARING THEIR VOICES—Members of the Wartburg Choir practice for the upcoming Christmas with Wartburg. This year, more people will be able to view the show, with broadcasts on KWKL-TV Channel 7 and on Wartburg's very own Channel 13.

"I think it will only further disappoint people because they will not be able to see it live and then next year they will try harder to get tickets to a performance," said Hancock.

Just trying harder may not be the key to getting tickets next year. If the show is as popular as it has been this year, people may have to request tickets months in advance.

According to Karen Funk, Student Union coordinator and secretary, tickets this year were sold out on the first day of a three-day sale.

Both Funk and Hancock said the number of applications this year was the most ever requested.

Before the tickets go on sale to the public, every performer receives four tickets to use at any of the performances.

Tickets are available to anyone who

requests them and are not distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Instead they are randomly given out to those who request them, according to Funk.

This is done because so many people request tickets. This way, those who may not have seen Christmas with Wartburg before have a better chance of seeing the show.

Some tickets were held back for the Sunday performance because the only way they can be distributed is with a ticket to the dinner that follows, according to Funk.

Tickets are more difficult to get for a number of reasons, according to both Funk and Hancock. Hancock said one reason is that the quality of the performance continues to get better and better.

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KWAR marathon RAWKs 89.1 hours, again

by Aaron Loan
Staff Writer

KWAR's 89.1 hour marathon yet again proved to be one of the college station's best public relations tools.

"We know this is a big thing. We want to educate what KWAR is, 'cause college radio is here," junior station manager Paul Yeager said. "Some students didn't even know about KWAR up until Wednesday."

The marathon began at midnight Thursday morning with Operation Bare Bones (a streak to the station by some KWAR staff and others) and wrapped up yesterday at 5:06 p.m. It could be heard in any of Wartburg's dorms from the start as one walked the halls.

More than 500 prizes were a great incentive for listeners to keep listening. Some students, like sophomores Dean Jensen and Justin Long of Hebron 2, stayed up half the night just to see how many of the prizes they could win that KWAR was offering during the marathon.

Prizes were provided by three main local underwriters to the marathon: Nabisco, Taco Johns and Waverly Bowl Inn. There were several other smaller supporters, according to Yeager.

The prizes also created a little competitive tension on campus. Many students were frustrated with tied up phone lines when calling in for prizes.

"An indescribable feeling would sweep over me when I actually was able to get through," described sophomore Andy Moeller.

"They need more phone lines," said sophomore Dan Anderson. The apprehension was all brought to a climax

for listeners with Saturday's on air Trivial Pursuit Challenge between the deejays from the shows Radioactive and Fireside Chat.

The contest, hosted by deejays Johnny B., sophomore, and Scott Harves, senior, consisted of three hours of intense mental concentration by the two shows' hosts, with filtered-in music.

The challenge was surrounded by a one hour pre-game show and a half hour wrap-up.

"Once again, Doug and I have proved to have a vast warehouse of worthless knowledge," said senior Fireside Chat deejay Tim Stockman about himself and his co-host senior Doug Carlson, the successful defending champs in the Marathon Trivial Pursuit Challenge.

The losers of the match-up, Radioactive, hosted by sophomores Jay Boeding and Paul Rademacher, must now refer to their show as Bitter Coffee for the rest of the semester. Bitter Coffee was the show that didn't win last year.

"I wasn't really expecting much with having a partner that sniffs his underwear," said Rademacher.

With the success of the challenge on the marathon, Yeager mentioned the Trivial Pursuit Challenge may become a weekly-invent.

Other features of the marathon were the Jim Busta Polka Band, of which sophomore Chad Busta is a member. The band performed live Saturday in Legends, and the live telecasting of two Wartburg men's and one women's basketball game, along with a strong lineup of popular weekly shows.



DEEP IN THOUGHT—Seniors Tim Stockman and Doug Carlson of Fireside Chat take on sophomores Jay Boeding and Paul Rademacher of Radioactive in the Trivial Pursuit Challenge, one featured event of the KWAR marathon.

"The challenge now comes to change over a year round consistency in listenership," said Yeager after acknowledging the success of the marathon.

College of real life

I am glad to announce that I am officially a freshman again. Yes, I said freshman. Although I have just started my third year at Wartburg, I have just begun a college that is much more difficult. It's called the College of Real Life. It began as I traveled to Denver, Colo. to start this semester at Wartburg West.

At this college I never leave the lights on, because now I pay the electricity bill.

At this college I don't call the Resident Assistant when the neighbors get loud, I call 911.

At this college I don't call the escort service when I leave, I grab my can of pepper spray on the way out the door.

At this college there are no parents looking over my shoulder, but there are also no teachers, R.A.'s or security guards to support me and look out for my best interests.

With all this new-found freedom, you would think I would have slipped into a lifestyle of partying and leisure. However, now I am in bed every night by 11:00. On weekends, I am usually too tired to do much besides rent a movie. I now enjoy life more, and however strange it may sound, I don't miss getting drunk every weekend.

There are many things I do miss, of course.

At this college I am not greeted by Jane "the lunch lady" every time I get hungry. Now I make my own meals, and miss Jane.

At this college I can't wake up five minutes before class, throw on a hat and run three minutes to class. Now I have to get up everyday by 7 a.m. and walk 10 minutes to catch the RTD bus for a 25-minute ride.

At this college, I can't write a note to the Security Office to get out of a parking ticket. I have to pay for it.

At this college I can't call my professor before class because I'm sick. I have to go to my internship each day because I have to get projects done on time.

On the other hand, this college has taught me many new things. I have learned that everyone has different talents and they should be used not only to make money, but they should also be applied to making society better.

I have learned that diversity is more than black and white. It is made up of tall and short, fat and thin, many hairstyles, clothing styles, different languages, ethnic cultures, different foods and various religions.

I now know that all the hard work I did during class does have meaning in the real world. We will graduate from Wartburg far better prepared for the world with our liberal arts education and hands-on experience, than most students who are sitting in class right now.

But most importantly, I know that I need to take everything in perspective. Wartburg is great, but it is only a short stop on our journey through life. I am going to realize that there is an entire world out there to explore, and for me it has started at Wartburg West.

Sarah Albertson,
junior at Wartburg West

Everything had been going well, and I thought that maybe this small Iowa farm girl was made for the city after all...

My internship is at the Denver Public Library in the Public Relations Office. The Library was just built in 1995, and it is huge. There are seven floors, and it spans the length of a city block. The Library holds many special events that include book signings, children's programs and various other events. In September, Kweisi Mfume, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), came and spoke at the library about his new book.

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to help. The event was at 7:30 p.m., so at about 6:30 p.m., I decided to go to Subway and get something to eat. The Library is right in the heart of downtown Denver. If you go a few blocks north of the Library, there are many fast food places and a downtown mall. During the day, this area is bustling with people in suits, talking on cell phones and catching the RTD buses. Well, at 6:30 it was a totally different story. What had once been one of what I felt was one of the safest places in Denver had become darker and scarier. But, I wasn't worried because there were still a lot of people around. Not necessarily people in suits, but people nonetheless.

As I walked the few blocks, I zipped up my coat and started to walk faster because it was getting chilly. I walked the first two blocks, and then crossed Colfax

A lesson in science

"The Mile High City." Just what does that mean when referring to Denver, Colo.? I, as a member of the Wartburg West community, feel the need to clarify this statement to those of you who do not live in this area.

It is a common known fact that Colorado's atmosphere contains a lesser ratio of oxygen in comparison to other gases than in the Midwest. Few people, however, understand just how much an individual can be affected by this "thinner" air.

Some examples of these effects are as follows:

Mountain climbing—You spend two or three hours climbing a rock in which you spend another one or two hours climbing back down. Despite the popularity of this ordeal, no one in their right mind would consider this sane.



Bronco enthusiasm—Why would you cheer for a team that does not even have matching uniforms? I consider myself an expert in this area with my extensive knowledge of color and fashion; therefore, if I find it repulsive, so should everyone else.

Microbrews-R-Us—Just how many different kinds of beer does one state need? Does this seem ridiculous or is the Midwest really that deprived?

These examples demonstrate the crazy effects of this "thin" air. Consider this a warning to all those who may enter this state. "Thin" air will affect your judgment and will cause you to do things that are, otherwise, uncharacteristic. I feel that more people should know about these effects before entering such an environment, and with this article, my job should be

complete. Unless, of course, you count that internship thing.

(The views expressed in this article are not considered a majority opinion among the Wartburg West community. In fact, they seem to be the views of no one in particular.)

Jon Thoreson,
senior at Wartburg West

Obscenity-yelling man leads to heartwarming experience

My adventure started Aug. 19, 1996. After several 20-ounce Diet Dr. Peppers and a few cups of cappuccino, my entourage and I reached our final destination — Denver, Colo. and Wartburg West. The happy Bronco, which wasn't so happy after 15 straight hours of driving, occupied by juniors Barb Gamez and Kim Janssen and myself, along with the little, pink Escort my ma and pa were driving, had made it to the "Mile High City."

I only have one word to say about the trip — Nebraska. As my dad says, the state motto should be, "Nebraska. It's a long way across."

Anyway, I made it to this city of multiple opportunities, and to tell the truth, I was petrified. The first day on the town with the little pink Escort that I was going to keep in Denver, my dad did all the driving. Now, I have never been afraid to drive in cities, and if you ask any of my friends, they will tell you that I love to drive. What scared me was that black stick in between the two front seats. A five speed. How in the world was I going to make it through all this traffic driving a stick shift for the first time?

After only a few cases of mild whiplash, I think I have the whole stick shift thing down. I just jumped in and trusted myself and God that I would survive. This is how I have approached everything out here in Denver.

To say that living in Denver takes some adaption would be an understatement. I graduated from high school with a class of 13 and then came to small town Waverly to Wartburg, a small private school. Now, all of a sudden, I am sharing a city with 2.5 million other people. That is almost as many people as live in Iowa alone.



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Avenue, known as Denver's main street. I got to the other side and continued walking past several covered bus stops. As soon as I had walked past them, a man in the booth got up, started yelling obscenities and following me. I still wasn't scared, though, because I hadn't done anything wrong, so why would this guy be following me? I kept walking and the man behind me kept yelling and getting closer. I was starting to become scared at this point, but then I saw Subway and crossed the street to get to it.

The man didn't cross the street, and I didn't really think anything more of it. As I ordered my food, another man walked into the store. He approached me and said, "Ma'am, you don't need to worry. That man that was following you has gone further up the street. I followed him a ways to make sure."

I was startled. Here was this man I had never met before making sure that I was all right and that the strange, obscenity-yelling man wasn't going to hurt me. I thanked the man and asked him if the other man had really been following me. He said yes, but that the man couldn't get across the street in time.

The fact that the strange, obscenity-yelling man had been following me scared me, but the fact that struck me even more was that this man that I had never met, a total stranger, had gone out of his way to protect me. Probably the scariest thing that has ever happened to me turned out to be the most heartwarming one also. I can learn to ignore and forget people like the strange, obscenity-yelling man, but I know that I will never forget the stranger who went out of his way to help an Iowa farm girl in the big city.

Kerrie Larsen,
junior at Wartburg West

Editorial

School spirit in action

We'd like to take a moment and sing the Loyalty song to the men of Hebron Ground.

For the portion of campus who didn't make it to a volleyball match or the Luther football game, this group of about 10 sophomores and juniors has been, in turn, cheerleaders, pep band, and loyal supporters of the Knights. With their shirts, hunter orange stocking hats and yells, it's hard to miss this group of men at an athletic event.

What an example to the rest of us -- a group of students with true school spirit! The apathy expressed by the student body toward our athletic teams is appalling.

We are the defending Division III National Champions in wrestling, and how many students can say they actually went to a wrestling meet outside of the Iowa State dual last year? This not only deserves support, but demands it.

We have an amazing tradition in both men's and women's basketball — just look up at the banners in Knights Gymnasium. Where was everyone as our bas-

ketball teams played at home on Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

Our football team played our archrival two weeks ago. From the size of the crowd, one would have thought we were playing William Penn in Oskaloosa. Where was everyone? It didn't start to rain until the game was almost over, and the Knights had the game well in hand.

Our volleyball team finished in a tie for the IIAC regular season championship, and took Central to five games in the championship game of the IIAC tournament — held in Knights Gymnasium. The team finished second in the IIAC. Last year, they finished fifth in the conference. The year before, they finished seventh. Growth like this not only deserves support, but demands it.

As we begin the basketball and wrestling seasons, we hope the men of Hebron Ground continue their support of the Knights, and we thank them for their great attitudes. We also challenge the rest of the campus to match Hebron Ground's support for our athletic teams.

Column

Republican: it makes sense

Okay, there are a couple of things I need to clear up.

I am a Republican; however, I do not own a picture of Rush Limbaugh. Earlier this week I was simply strolling through the caf, minding my own business, when a fellow Wartburg student stopped me and asked for a photo of the chubby conservative.

It was then that I paused and asked myself if this is what I want people to think I am. Do I want people to look at me and say, "Hey, there's that Pat Buchanan lover!"?

It's really an interesting question.

Hopefully, I'll be able to give an answer by the end of this segment, but for now, I think it's time to do a little reflecting...

I don't really know when it was that I became this "sculpture of the right wing." In all honesty, when I first declared myself a Republican, I didn't even know what the word meant. Simply put, I didn't like (Walter) Mondale. Of course I wasn't alone, but at the time (third grade), in a town dominated by Democrats, I felt like I was.

As time went by, the Republican theology started to make more sense to me.

I didn't like the thought that when I get older I was going to end up paying taxes to support projects that didn't benefit me.

I didn't think it was fair that people who made more money had to pay more for taxes because they have worked hard, been smart, or even have

been lucky.

Abortion and the death penalty always come to mind when defending my Republican views. How can someone advocate killing an innocent un-born life when they defend the lives of rapists and murderers? Recently, after

three years of collegiate education, I have begun to see both sides of the aforementioned issues, but that is another column.

Just a quick note to any social work majors that have read my last column ... Cutting taxes and cutting programs is far too technical to go into now. Every situation is different; some of our government programs need work, but some of the programs are beneficial. I dare anyone who thinks our welfare system is perfect to respond.

Bottom line ... I am not, and never will be, an "extreme" Republican. I am a student at Wartburg College with an interest in politics, and will listen with an open mind to any person wanting to make an argument. I might agree with you, I might not.

I may have been a Republican in third grade because I didn't like Mondale. (Or because Alex P. Keaton from "Family Ties" was my idol.) But I'm a Republican now because it makes more sense.

So to the people that shout out "Buchanan Lover" in the caf, label me however you want. Just point me to the Mexico ditch ... that's one place I haven't looked for Colin Powell.



Jeremy Brummond
National Politics

Have you noticed any changes in the Student Union, and if so, what do you think of them?

About Face



"I haven't noticed any big changes yet, but I do know the Den has thin crust pizza."

Tim Stockman, senior



"Though I think the union needs major renovation, the little changes are changing the atmosphere very nicely."

Matt Bode, junior

"What have they changed?"

Emily Ott, junior



"The only thing I've noticed is the tables in the middle of Buhr Lounge."

Aaron Street, junior



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Life in America Disney-like?

Cold weather is here. That seeping cold that gets into your joints and makes you want to stay in bed in the morning, just does not do it for me.

Why can't it just be 70 degrees all day? Why can't you sit by the pool and bask in the warm rays? Why can't you just go to Florida for a week to get away from all this white stuff?

Well, don't stop and think about it, just go. That is exactly what I did.

Okay, you are probably wondering how this can be done. Find a school project and jump on board for the fine, fabulous adventure.

My adventure was with the Society for Collegiate Journalists. Yes, it was a conference held in Disney World, the place all conferences should be held.

I had never been to Florida, nor had I been to Disney World. It was wonderful, a magical kingdom of fun, but one lesson struck me as odd. Why is Disney World classified as what America is like?



Justin Schaefer

Featured Columnist

It is nothing like America. More like a dream land where everything you have ever dreamed comes true. It is just like a big fantasy.

I talked to a couple from London who were entertaining their grandchildren by the pool. They told me their grandchildren think Disney World is typical of what all life

is like in the United States of America.

That just struck me as odd. Since I have lived in the United States all but four months of my life, I thought Disney World was magical, but a money-sucking center. The Walt Disney Corporation is making a great deal off the whole thing.

I thought it was strange that tourists from all over the world come to see Disney and leave with their minds set that it is what the rest of the United States is like.

It was fun, I got some sun and left knowing that the dream place is not like the rest of the United States, but it does have its own magical feeling that makes people always want to come back.

THE GHOST OF WARTBURG ***

Ernst residents claim unusual incidents not just coincidence

by Matt Hibbard
Staff Writer

Halloween has come and gone again, but the passing of this time traditionally associated with spooks, goblins and spirits may not mean that every ghost disappeared with Halloween.

A ghost allegedly haunts Wartburg College, and Ernst House is the victim.

"Living in a haunted dorm scares me," said senior Ernst resident Charlie Rod.

After last year's carbon monoxide poisoning incident at Ernst, these more recent incidences make that residence even more peculiar.

Many of the occurrences can and should be explained away — they could be attributed to wind, gravity or carelessness — but the timing and frequency of the incidents leads some to believe that they might not be so easily dismissed.

On several occasions, residents of Ernst have found their thermostats turned up as far as possible, though they don't recall doing it themselves.

The thermostats are located directly under the light switches, so perhaps the dials have simply been brushed as the light was turned on.

Other strange things have happened, too. A few years ago, current Ernst resident senior Jason Hiner spent the summer on the Manors maintenance crew. His crew had been told of the alleged haunting, but paid it no heed.

Then Hiner was told to clean the carpet one day. He spent the entire day alone in Ernst.

Most of the day passed without incident, but not entirely.

When the end of his shift drew near, Hiner had to fill a bucket with clean water from the sink in the laundry room. He turned on the faucet. As he turned to leave the room, the faucet shut itself off. Undaunted, Hiner turned the faucet on once again, only to hear it shut off behind him yet again.

"I was sure there was a plausible explanation for it," said Hiner.

He started the water again, and watched that time as the handle slowly turned back from where he had moved it.

The mystery doesn't end there.

"Living in a haunted dorm scares me."

—Charlie Rod, senior Ernst resident

Earlier this year, sophomore Rachel Walker found herself locked out of her room, although she hadn't locked the door behind her. Walker called maintenance to be let into her room, but when she returned to her door, it was unlocked and her keys were hanging from the knob.

In an effort to end what they believe to be haunting, several residents came together on Friday, Sept. 13, in one of the rooms in Ernst to "walk [the ghost] towards the light," as one of them put it.

A self-proclaimed psychic, freshman Dannel Mitchell, was asked to join the group to mediate between the ghost and the living residents of Ernst house. Mitchell claimed immediately upon his arrival that the ghost was present.

During the time he "communicated" with the ghost, the psychic told the group for which incidents the ghost claimed responsibility. The spirit also informed Mitchell who in the group it did and did not like. The psychic even claimed the ghost was sitting on the couch beside one student who apparently reminded it of a family member.

The ghost also "touched" some of the people gathered. They asked it to do so, and when it did, those who were touched felt a very cold spot where the ghost came in contact with them. When the ghost was asked to make itself known in other ways, though, it did not.

Some residents are convinced that Ernst is being haunted by the ghost of Lisa Peak, a former Wartburg student who was murdered 20 years ago. Peak was a sophomore living in Ernst House at the time of her death.

"It's all power of suggestion," said senior Avery LaFleur about his housemates' belief in the ghost.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

SUPERNATURAL OR COINCIDENCE—Strange things have been happening in Ernst House, which was in the news last year because of a carbon monoxide gas leakage. Some of the residents are attributing this year's unusual occurrences to a ghost. Others are skeptical, saying that the unusual occurrences are not the cause of anything supernatural, but merely coincidental. This is a simulated photograph.

He isn't the only skeptic, either.

Several visitors and residents of Ernst have expressed their doubts about the haunting.

"Given the so-called 'evidence' that some of our fellow Ernst residents offer, I can't help but laugh about it," said senior Mark DeVries, another resident of Ernst. DeVries is less than convinced of the

ghost's existence; "It's basically a load of bull," he said.

Since the psychic conducted his "exorcism," the incidents have declined, leading some Ernst residents to believe that perhaps the ghost is finally at rest.

"She's gone, she's out of my life," said senior Sarah Johanson, "and that's fine with me."

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Review

'Dear God' kicks off holiday flicks

by Chrissy Morrissey
Staff Critic

The theaters are joining the holiday spirit, bringing a film that presents the true reason behind the season of giving and perpetual hope.

In the Garry Marshall-directed film "Dear God," ex-late night talk-show host Greg Kinnear stars as a manipulative con-artist who experiences a change of heart and discovers humanity.

After many scams and illegal business relations, the law finally catches up with Kinnear's character, Tom Turner. His sentence is to find a job and maintain an employment for one whole year.

This career move leads Kinnear's character to the Los Angeles Post Office where he works in the Dead Letter Office.

His co-workers end up being an eccentric group of burn-outs who are played by some familiar faces of television — Laurie Metcalf ("Roseanne") and Tim Conway ("The Carol Burnett Show"). The office is the home of undeliverable mail, like letters addressed to Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and God.

Kinnear's curiosity draws him to read-

ing a "Dear God" letter and, in some peculiar way, he accidentally answers a poor woman's prayers. Kinnear's co-workers catch on to this idea of miracle-working and talk Kinnear into continuing his good deeds.

The movie is filled with humorous situations and popular comedians who make the movie worthwhile.

Marshall also adds a touch of sentiment to the film with an underlying love story between Kinnear and a single mother.

"Dear God" can be compared to the classic "Miracle on 34th Street," but it does lack that extra Christmas kick some may hope to find.

There were references to the season and what the time of year is supposed to represent, but this theme should have encouraged the writers to inject a little more holiday spirit.

Aside from this, "Dear God" is quite enjoyable. The theme of bad man converting to good guy is a definite mood lifter, and viewers can also be enlightened by the joy of helping others.

"Dear God" is a fine way to kick off the holiday in the theaters.

'Dear God' can be compared to the classic
'Miracle on 34th Street' ...



EPIC BRASS

Photo courtesy of Epic Brass

Brass ensemble enthralls audience

by Kel Hocker
Staff Writer

They toot their own horns.

Wartburg experienced the hot air of Epic Brass as part of the Artist Series in Neumann Auditorium Saturday night.

The power of their performance comes from the diversity of its repertoire, according to director Earl Raney, who started the group in 1983. By including everything from Mozart to Dixieland jazz, there was music for all tastes.

As a group, the members of Epic Brass believe education is very important. The morning of the concert they held a workshop for area musicians.

"Music can be a study, but should primarily be a joy," said Raney.

They love to play. That is what keeps them together.

"I love the fact that five guys can pull out their horns and we don't need a piano or amplifier," said Raney. The performers' ability to have fun with the music on stage made the concert enjoyable.

"They have a good relationship with the audience," said sophomore Julie Leonard.

Not limiting themselves to performing, the members write and arrange much of the music they perform.

"I enjoyed it immensely," said Cedar Falls resident and season ticket holder Karl Schwaab.

Each piece was introduced by Raney with a bit of history or a fun fact. For some selections, Raney would ask the audience to keep a picture in mind while listening to the music.

When he introduced "The Arabian Dance" from "The Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71," he told the audience to envision two camels being led through the desert while the hot wind blew.

The tuba and trombone represented the camels. The French horn was the desert wind. The two trumpets were the men leading the camels. Combined, the quintet created a picture of sound which transported the audience to the desert.

Raney gave a warning when he introduced the "Can-can" from "Orpheus in the Underworld." He told the audience to watch and make sure their neighbors remained seated as some people might feel the need to do more than tap their feet to the infectious sound of the can-can.

However, trombonist Jamison Clark couldn't keep his feet on the ground. He danced to the front of the stage doing the can-can while applause filled Neumann.

Clark drew the applause of the audience again after his moving performance of the traditional Irish song "Danny Boy."

The quintet ended its performance on a youthful note with "In the Mood." The crowd tapped and came to their feet at the end of this perky piece. The roaring standing ovation resulted in an encore performance of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

"The five of us can sit down in a bus station and make the same music we can make if we're in Carnegie Hall or the Orpheum," Raney said.



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SPORTS

Men's basketball off to a shaky start

by Larry Johnson

Staff Writer

New Head Men's Basketball Coach Marty Simmons' Wartburg career began with two weekend losses to St. Scholastica and Rockford College.

They started Friday night, losing a one-point heartbreaker to St. Scholastica, 66-65.

Senior Rich Kloster led the way for the Knights with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Travis Montgomery and Bryan Myers contributed with 14 points and eight rebounds each.

"It was a very tough loss," said Simmons. "I was very proud of the fact that the team fought back hard and had a chance to win."

On Saturday, the Knights took the floor against Rockford College for a shot at third place.

They posed a great challenge, for like most teams that the men will face this year, Rockford had a definite height advantage. Their front line consisted of a six foot, nine inch player and a seven-footer.

The Knights took a three point lead into halftime, but were unable to maintain it in the second half. At one point they were down by 11, and then made a late game comeback. They eventually lost, 70-60.

Kloster again led the way for

the Knights, scoring 20 points, but had an off shooting night, going 6-20 from the floor. Myers added 17 points, shooting 8-14 from the floor. Montgomery was unable to get on track, scoring seven points on 2-11 shooting.

"We played a little timid," Kloster said. "This definitely isn't the way we wanted to start out, but we do need to build from this."

"I was again proud of the way we hung in there and fought back at the end, instead of just dying out there," said Simmons. "I really thought that their zone defense got to us in the second half."

In both games, the Knights got off to a slow start at the beginning of the game and after halftime. They constantly battled back from double-digit leads.

"A better job in offensive execution and timing, controlling turnovers, and an improvement in shooting are what we need to work on the most," Simmons said.

There is still a lot of time left for them to do so before conference play begins.

The Knights will hit the floor again next Friday night in Knights Gymnasium in an exhibition game against a team from Australia.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

UNDER PRESSURE—Sophomore guard B.J. Supple fires up a desperation shot during tournament action at home last weekend. The Knights lost both games and face an Australian team at home on Friday.

A new era in Wartburg football

by Brian Van De Berg

Sports Editor

The Wartburg football team entered the Steve Hagen era this year with a 5-3 conference record and a 7-3 record overall.

The injury-plagued Knights got off to a rough start in the 1996 season.

The Knights defeated the ranked Augustana Vikings, 17-14, to open the season.

Hagen's team then took its first loss, falling to Central in the first conference game.

Returning home after their first loss, the Knights defended their home field by dominating the Upper Iowa Peacocks, 41-13.

Postseason play hopes were dashed when the Knights fell to Loras, 42-41, in the Rock Bowl in Dubuque.

Trevor Shannon broke his first school record of the year, running for 342 yards against the Duhawks.

The Knights continued their season, falling for the second week in a row as Simpson defeated the Knights, 40-27.

Wartburg finally got on the winning

track when they knocked off the Beavers from Buena Vista, 28-13.

A big change occurred in the Wartburg line when Mark Hargrave moved from offense to defense. His presence on the defensive line made a big impression in the second half of the season.

The Knights came back to Schield Stadium in style, destroying the Spartans from Dubuque, 54-0.

Wartburg then played its second non-conference game, against Blackburn of Illinois, winning 50-13.

Hagen's team came away with the win on the road once again. The Knights took their third game in a row by defeating William Penn, 52-12.

The Knights rounded out the season by sticking it to Luther, 41-14.

Trevor Shannon broke more records in the Luther game, including the longest kickoff return. He returned a kick 100 yards to beat the old record of 99 yards.

Shannon rushed for 1,389 yards this season, gaining the third highest amount in school history.

The Trumpet's Athlete of the Week



Photo by Nathan Friesen

FIGHTING OFF THE DEFENSE—Senior Rich Kloster attempts a shot in the lane against Rockford College.

The return of Rich

by Sports Staff

This weekend, Rich Kloster stepped back into Knights Gymnasium for the first time since last season.

Despite the Knights' two losses, Kloster's presence was felt, making him this week's *Trumpet* Athlete of the Week.

Kloster was the leading scorer for the Knights in both games. He went 9-14 in field goals and 2-2 in three-pointers on Friday night.

On Saturday, Kloster racked up 20 points. He earned seven of those points from the charity stripe, three from the three-point line and 12 from the field. He was also the leading rebounder on Friday night.

Wartburg's Superfans

Trey's and J's
Brian
Van De Berg

Vibrant colors of orange and black were, without a doubt, the winning colors last week.

Archival Luther tried to make it a blue and white week, and they nearly pulled it off. However, Wartburg's "Superfans" didn't let that happen.

Nine Wartburg College students saved the infamous Wartburg flag from the deadly, destructive hands of Luther students last Saturday.

Crazed residents from Hebron Ground seem to be the hot topic in sports now. The minor rumble over the Wartburg flag was just a slight glimpse of the school spirit these individuals show.

The first time the Superfans hit the scene was on Outfly.

Leading the cheers of the crowd, the guys sported black shorts and their loved, sleeveless, tough-guy T-shirts.

The Hebron men showed up once again at the volleyball matches following Fall Term break.

They wore nearly the same outfits as before, this time with an orange "W" painted on the shirts that were first made famous by Bruce Willis in the movie Die Hard.

Finally, last Saturday they waved the Wartburg flag with pride, saving it from the dreaded Luther Norsemen.

So, where are all the other students of Wartburg? Aside from the Hebron Ground guys, only one other group has raised any attention to their school spirit—the Black Knight T-shirt fans.

Other than these two groups, what other students have risen up and cried "I love Wartburg!"

I remember pictures of crazy students in a full Knights Gymnasium in past years. If you don't believe me, check out some old yearbooks.

As you know, the basketball season is right around the corner. Now is the time to stand up and display your spirit for our own athletes. Will Hebron Ground return? I sure hope so.

The Ground residents should get full recognition for awesome school spirit.

What a way to take this school from football/volleyball to basketball/wrestling. Not only beating Luther, but destroying them.

I believe the Wartburg football team said it best in their post-game hurrah.

"The Norsemen may beat us but never defeat us because we are from Wartburg and we're number one. Hoo ya ya, Hoo ya ya,

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Knights enter season ranked No. 1

by Brian Van De Berg
Sports Editor

The Wrestling wrestling team entered competition this year with a No. 1 national ranking this year.

Head Coach Jim Miller lead his team into two tournaments over the past two weekends.

Last weekend, the Knights headed to the Speith-Anderson Open, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"We did as well as anyone," Miller said, "but we still have a long way to go."

Wartburg had three champions at the meet. Kelley Seery won the 118 weight title. Greg Halsor won the 158 weight and Mike Alesh won the 167 weight class.

Blake Williams (190) earned a second place finish.

Three Wartburg wrestlers earned third place finishes: Dusty Rhodes in the 134 weight class, Kevin Miller in the 150 weight class and Ben Jobgen in the 177 weight class.

"We learned a lot and our effort was good," said Miller.

This past weekend the Knights headed to the Omaha Invitational to take on some tough competition.

At least five division I schools



Photo by Nathan Friesen

PREPPING FOR THE SEASON—Senior Dusty Rhodes engages in battle with a teammate during practice earlier this year. Rhodes finished third in the Open Division at the Speith-Anderson Open. Wartburg will compete next at the Luther-William Penn Duals in Waverly on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

were in attendance including Iowa State and Nebraska.

"There was really stiff competition," Miller said.

Wartburg had no first place finishes, however it did get some great performances.

Dusty Rhodes and Ryan Cunningham earned themselves second place finishes. Halsor also finished in fifth place.

With the No. 1 rating, Miller said schools are really out to beat Wartburg.

"All the teams have improved," said Miller.

Miller felt good about his team's performance, but was concerned about "how banged up we are getting."

The Knights had three

wrestlers go down last weekend with injuries.

Seery (118) suffered a knee injury, Josh Coleman (126) went down with a shoulder injury and Aaron Street (142) went down with a neck injury.

Wartburg volleyball concludes season as IIAC runner-up

After a seventh place finish in 1994 and fifth in 1995, the Knights bounced back to take second in the Iowa Conference this year.

by Brian Van De Berg
Sports Editor

The Wartburg volleyball team finished a strong season by receiving runner-up in the conference tournament held in Waverly two weeks ago.

Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth's young team was primarily sophomores and freshmen.

Wartburg began its season at the Augsburg Tournament, compiling a 2-2 record.

They came home to defeat Coe in three games, then were edged out by UW-Platteville.

At the River City Classic, the Knights made a statement, bringing home first place. The Classic hosted 18 teams from four different states.

"This is perhaps the greatest achievement of my volleyball coaching career," Hoppenworth said.

The Knights defended their home court against Upper Iowa. The Peacocks left Wartburg with a loss in three games, and then Wartburg defeated Buena Vista with a sweep on the road.

The team took third place in the Wartburg Tournament. Mount Mercy took second and Central took first.

The Knights then hosted the undefeated Simpson Storm. Hoppenworth's team took the Storm in three games, handing the team its first loss.

Wartburg went on a four game road trip, going 2-2 while facing some tough competition.

Although the Knights placed lower than Mt. Mercy at their home tournament, they got revenge on one of their many road trips, downing Mt. Mercy in five close games.

Setter Sarah Nederhoff earned the conference player of the week by putting up some impressive numbers.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was the next opponent, sending Wartburg home with a loss in three games.

UW-Stout wanted to do the same. However, the Knights stood strong, leaving this match with a win in four games.

Wartburg then played two conference matches, downing both Luther and William Penn in three games.

In the week before the IIAC tourney, they hosted Dubuque, winning in three games.

Finally, Wartburg hosted the IIAC Tournament. The first two matchups for the Knights were highlighted by Wartburg not losing a game.

The championship game was a full five-game brawl. The Knights were just edged out for the conference title by Central.



Photo by Angie Westermann

IN THE DUST—Sophomore guard Emily Bailey tries to drive the baseline during their season opener with Stevens Point at home this weekend. Bailey had four points and two assists in 18 minutes of play during the 58-46 loss. The women return to action tomorrow at Winona State.

Women drop opener to Stevens Point

by Larry Johnson
Staff Writer

After a long and tough pre-season, the Wartburg women's basketball season tipped off last weekend as they took on the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Knights Gymnasium.

It was a long-fought, low scoring affair for both teams. However, Stevens Point was able to withstand a late game rally by the Knights to hold on for a 58-46 victory.

"I thought our performance was absolutely horrible," said Head Coach Monica Severson. "We didn't come ready to play at all."

The statistics for the women

really backed up Severson's assessment of the afternoon. The team shot 27 percent from the field and only 48 percent from the free throw line.

Mary Jo Vrba and Laurie Wilkinson led the Knights offensively with nine points each.

Vrba also led the squad with nine rebounds, while Kayah-Bah Phillmann had three blocks for the Knights.

"Now we know where we stand and what are strengths and weaknesses are," Vrba, a junior college transfer, said of the team's performance.

The game was a lot closer than the score indicated. According to Severson, Wartburg

was just never quite able to catch a break near the end of the game.

"We just weren't able to execute our offense," said Severson. "It just seemed like they were a step quicker than us today. I am extremely disappointed. We need someone to step up and decide if they want to go 0-24 this season or make it a successful one."

The Knights' next game will be on Tuesday at Winona State University in Winona, Minn. at 7 p.m.

The next home game is against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Tuesday, Dec. 4.